

PARK & RECREATION MINUTES
TUESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2006
6:30 P.M.

Call to Order: The Parks and Recreation Board met on the above date and time in the Council Chambers, 270 W. 15th Street, Rushville. President Denny Corn called the meeting to order. Other members present were David Hasecuster, Jan Voiles, and Tim Shuppert. Wilma Jo Kile and Jack Harmon were absent. Also present was Parks Director Danny Mathews, Attorney Julie Newhouse and Secretary Carla Sharpe. Parks Patrol members John Gridley, Whitney Boyer and Starr Shuppert were also in attendance.

Minutes: Minutes of December 13, 2005 was presented for approval. Hasecuster moved to approve minutes for December 13th. Shuppert seconded. Motion carried. Minutes approved.

Reports: Mathews reported:

- Installed new padlocks on the breaker boxes at the Skateboard Park and put metal screws in the lid this time. Trying to secure box better.
- Shuppert suggested getting a heavy duty vandal box.
- Hasecuster suggested moving the box higher up the pole out of reach.
- Corn suggested putting a fence around it.
- Mathews will also contact Rosfeld Electric.

Mathews then stated there was a Parks Patrol meeting last night and asked John Gridley and Whitney Boyer to come forward as they are the spokesman for the Parks Patrol group.

Gridley handed out information that the Parks Patrol members would like to see put in ordinance form.

Proposed Park Ordinances for City of Rushville:

A. **ALL** park hours will be 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. with special exception to programs such as *Relay for Life*, *Movie in the Park*, and other such Parks Department programs; also including bus pick-up for school and/or work related businesses and adults using the fitness trail.

Anyone under the age of 18 must be accompanied with a parent or legal guardian after posted park hours.

B. No motorized vehicles, namely: electric or gas-powered scooters, cycles, go-carts, trucks or cars allowed in the park. Special exceptions for Parks Department trucks and equipment, police and emergency vehicles, and motorized wheelchairs.

C. **NO** alcohol and no smoking will be allowed in any City park building, such as Booker T., the closed shelters, gazebo, and restrooms.

Gridley stated if they have an ordinance and it has some teeth to it then they feel they can resolve some issues in the parks.

Gridley feels if you cut down on the smoking in the park then a lot of these bullies will leave.

Boyer stated she feels a sign is important too to enforce these rules. She said a sign and a City Ordinance would be more effective.

Newhouse stressed the Parks Patrol cannot enforce anything. Boyer stated she knows this as they are just the eyes and ears for the Police.

Boyer then stated the reason they are doing this is to have a united front to let these kids know what they are doing is wrong.

Gridley said with no ordinance and no teeth then we can't back this up.

The curfew, dog and noise ordinances were reviewed.

Fees for penalties were discussed. The standard fees on ordinances are \$25.00 first offence, \$50.00 second offence, \$75.00 third offence and \$100.00 fourth offence.

Boyer stated that if these penalties were put in the paper then parents will talk to their kids as they will have to pay.

Alcohol in parks was discussed. It was decided to limit alcohol to Riverside Park only. Newhouse feels we can make an exception for Riverside Park.

Mathews again stated that if we can just get these rules with some teeth then we can enforce these rules.

Newhouse will prepare ordinance for the next meeting.

Claims: Reviewed prior to meeting by Voiles and Shuppert. Shuppert moved to approve the claims for the month. Voiles seconded. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business:
Re-Visit Resolution #2005-1-P&R – Establishment of charges for rental of spaces by vendors during events held at Riverside Park. Hasecuster stated he is still working on the vendor charges. He stated at the fair they rent out 10 x 10 and 10 x 15 spaces. He feels we should add a 10 x 20 space and even a 20 x 30 space for food vendors so the space will be big enough for trailers. He then said that for his Outdoor Show in 2007 he will charge for each piece of equipment such as \$25 for a boat and \$25 for a camper.
If electric is needed that charge will be added also.
He will have all this info ready to go next month.

Voiles questioned if the resolutions that were passed in November still are okay. Newhouse stated “NO” they didn’t pass through the Council.

Re-Visit Resolution #2005-2-P&R – Specific hours for park. – Discussed earlier in the meeting.

New Business: None at this time.

Items not known in advance:

Corn asked Sharpe to update the softball contracts.

Mathews stated the Valentines Dance at BRMS will be held on Friday, February 10th and asked for all board members to chaperone.

Newhouse stated that the next Parks Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 14th and she will be out of town in trial that day. The board felt that these Resolutions needed to be passed and enforced so February’ s Parks Board meeting has been moved to February 28th which is the last Tuesday of the month.

There being no further business, Voiles moved to adjourn. Hasecuster seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 P.M.

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ATTEST:

CARLA SHARPE, SECRETARY